(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are ready to deny specific cases mentioned in the news-item?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On receipt of a complaint alleging irregularities in certain naval procurements, the matter was got investigated. Further action on the findings contained in the investigation reports has been initiated.

**Upgradation of Technology in Navy**

2149. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief of the Naval Staff has submitted a report to Government making extensive recommendations regarding upgradation of technology and modernisation of training programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to prepare perspective plan for the development of Navy to enable it to face its new challenge in the next century?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Modernisation and Development of Navy is an ongoing process dictated primarily by the threat perceptions and prevailing external strategic/security environment as also the emerging technologies. With increased emphasis on induction of high technology, naval platforms are programmed for periodic upgradation in technology.

**Decline in Teaching Standards of IAF School**

†2150. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether senior secondary school at Race Course in New Delhi is being run by Indian Air Force; if so, the number of such type of schools and the officials appointed for their management;

(b) whether the standard of teaching and level of discipline in the above school at Race Course have been declining for the last two years; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to improve the standard of education and provide other facilities in the above schools; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. The Senior Secondary School at Race Course is being run by the Indian Air Force with

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